

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 22, 2005

TO: Chairman David Gulino and Scottsdale Planning Commission Members

FROM: Kurt Jones, AICP, Director, Current Planning

RE: **Major General Plan Amendment Criteria – Initiation**

At your April 13, 2005, public hearing, the Commission continued the initiation of the Major General Plan Amendment to potentially modify the criteria that determines a Major General Plan Amendment. The continuance was to allow the City Council to discuss a reconsideration of their recommendation from their April 5th public hearing.

At their April 19th public hearing, the City Council heard public testimony and **recommended that there not be an initiation this calendar year** regarding the major general plan amendment criteria. The Council did recommend that if the Planning Commission would like to continue to discuss this issue, that specific concepts and ideas be developed and shared in a report format with the City Council later in the year for discussion purposes.

With other work items and priorities directed by the City Council this year, Staff is recommending that the Planning Commission not initiate a Major General Plan Amendment this calendar year regarding the major criteria. If the Planning Commission directs Staff for further research on the issue of major general plan amendment criteria options, Staff will create a schedule and work plan for the Planning Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.